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October 21, 1962

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Tentative Agenda for off-the-record NSC Meeting, October 21, 1962, 2:30 p.m.

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B. Substantial issues in the President's speech  
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→ D. Military arrangements (Defense Department)

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2. The problem of the first shot
3. Plans for surveillance

OPERATING DOCUMENTS: PROCLAMATIONS, ETC.  
Berlin planning (Department of State)

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